IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

STENKAMP, Dirk et al. Examiner: Patricia L. Morris

Serial No.: 10/697,443 Group Art Unit: 1625

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Title: ALKYNE COMPOUNDS WITH MCH ANTAGONISTIC ACTIVITY AND MEDICAMENTS COMPRISING THESE COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for a two month extension of time is filed herewith.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.